

Flocken Named New A&S Dean

By Gary Dean Davis

UNO has named John Flocken as the new dean of the College of Arts and Sciences. Flocken has served as interim dean in the college since last August, when former Dean James Malek left the university.

Flocken was chosen after the college received more than 70 applications for the position.

Hired as a physics professor in 1969, Flocken has served as chairman of the physics department and as acting dean of graduate studies and research. Other positions he has served in include interim associate vice chancellor for academic affairs and as associate dean of graduate studies.

Flocken said now that he has been hired as dean on a permanent basis, he can begin long-range planning for the college.

The long range issues he plans to address include an NCA accreditation review scheduled for next April and future plans also include the college using more interdisciplinary scheduling.

"I want the college to expand on new kinds of degrees for more of an urban setting," Flocken said.

Plans are also in the works for formal tracking of former students, he said.

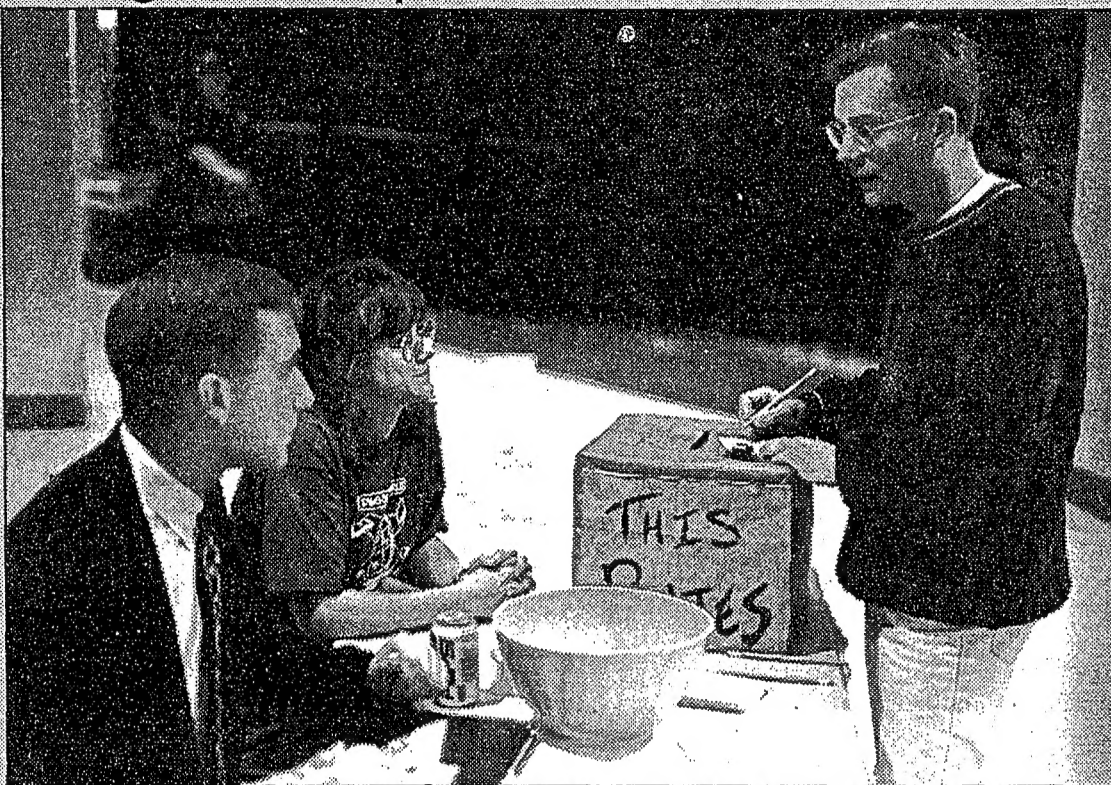
"We want to learn from alumni and involve them more in the college," Flocken said.

Flocken said he plans to continue his hands-off strategy of management by allowing department heads to make decisions.

Promoting more department chair involvement in the community will be another priority.

"I don't think a dean should try to micro-manage departments," Flocken said.

Getting Out the Gripes



—SR Kemper

Junior Steven T. Boyd, right, fills out a gripe form for the Student Government Gripe Table in the Student Center. Boyd's gripe concerned Student Government. He said, "It would be nice if Student Government would have more meetings so the student body could be more involved."

Student Government Treasurer Jon Eden, left, and Student Senator Ann Welsh, center, were among the students manning the gripe table this week. The table was set up Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Welsh represents the Human Resources and Family Science College in the Student Senate and chairs the Senate Visibility Committee. She said, "We're trying to make ourselves more visible and find out what the students want."

Welsh said of the 116 forms filled out, parking on campus got the most complaints with 25. In second place, with 20 complaints, was the cafeteria. Most were about the quality and healthiness of the food, but three of the cafeteria complaints were about the color of the new chairs.

UNO Forensics Team Sends Five Members to Nationals

By Jonathan Pelphrey

The 1995-96 season may prove to be a memorable one for the UNO Forensics team. All five year-long members of the team have qualified for national competition and will be competing this month in events sponsored by two different national forensic organizations.

"There aren't very many forensics teams around who can claim to have 100% of their full-year members qualify for national competition," said Paula Hazelrigg, an instructor in the communication department and director of the forensics team. "We've always been one of the best-kept secrets on campus," she said.

That will change if Hazelrigg has her way.

Two of the team members will be competing April 5-8 at the American Forensic Association's national competition in Gainesville, Fla. Sophomore Dave Jackson, a second year competitor, will be competing in dramatic interpretation. Marty King, a junior and a novice competitor, will be competing in persuasive speaking and after-dinner speaking, Hazelrigg said.

In each event, King and Jackson will face competition from approximately 100 students from across the nation. To qualify for nationals in Gainesville, students had to place in the top six in at least three tournaments throughout the season. In addition, these placements had to meet a stringent point requirement, Hazelrigg said.

The three remaining members of the team have qualified for the National Forensic Association's national competition to be held in Macomb, Ill. April 18-22. This competition carries a requirement that the students finish in the top six in their event during the year, Hazelrigg said.

Viven Valdez, a junior and a second year competitor, qualified in program of oral interpretation. Novice competitors Olga Usov and Christine Mixan qualified in prose interpretation and program of oral interpretation, respectively, Hazelrigg said.

Both the American Forensic Association and the National Forensic Association are involved in the national advancement of forensics and work together on a limited basis to promote participation on the collegiate level.

"The AFA's competition is harder to get into," said Hazelrigg, but that doesn't diminish the accomplishment of the team as a whole. Last year, just one member of the team qualified for national competition, with two qualifying the year before.

In qualifying for national competition, UNO team members competed in approximately 12 tournaments throughout the year. Among them were tournaments in Wisconsin, Kansas and Missouri, and the majority of them were held in Nebraska.

"There are 10 forensics teams in Nebraska, about eight of which host tournaments. This makes it much easier for us to compete on a regular basis," Hazelrigg said.

Team members competed in any of 11 different events at such tournaments, including a number of public address events or persuasive speaking for example, Hazelrigg said.

Forensics is not limited to public address, she said. Students can also compete in limited preparation events such as impromptu speaking, and interpretation events like dramatic interpretation and poetry interpretation.

"The idea is that the students will switch back and forth

among the different events," Hazelrigg said. It is common for some students who are comfortable in one area of events to be reluctant to compete in a different area.

Hazelrigg said a student who is terrified of the thought of persuasive speaking can learn a lot about themselves when they are stretched beyond their normal comfort zone.

Hazelrigg said she hopes to see the team grow out of its best-kept-secret status as a result of the team's performance this year.

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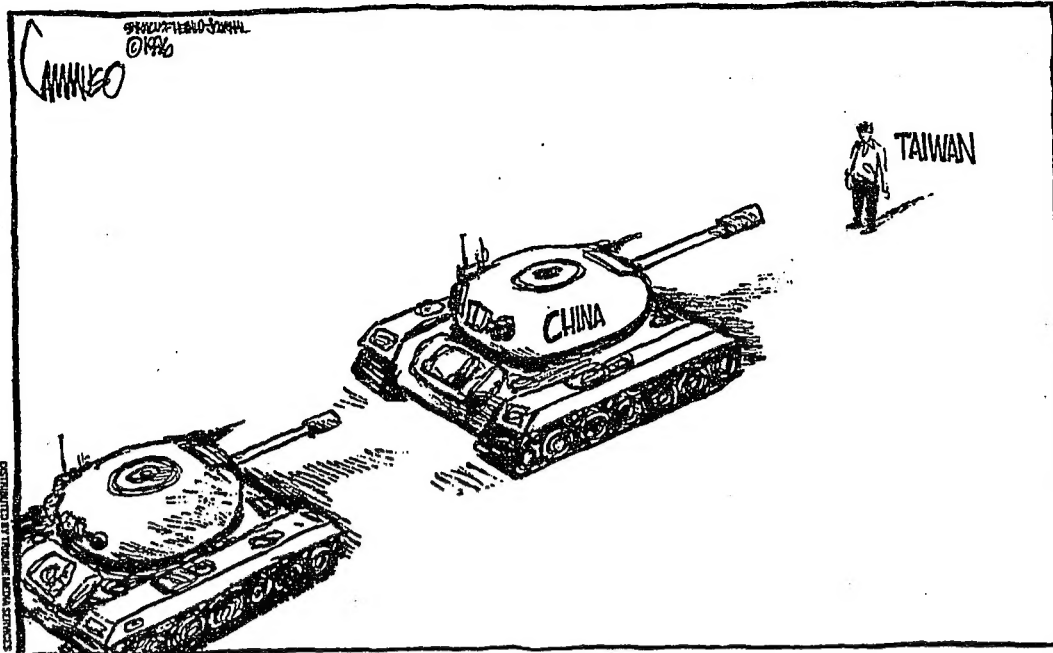
Why Would Criminals Abide by Gun Control Laws?

Dear Editor,

The *Gateway's* article about Jon Christensen's vote to repeal the federal ban on assault weapons is far from the truth. The article reported Christensen's decision to be poor timing because it coincided with Kevin Allen's conviction for murdering Officer Wilson. The article failed to report that Jimmy Wilson Sr. was "appalled" that Congressional challenger, James Martin Davis, used this very same comment to gain political support from Jimmy Wilson's murder.

The article also did not mention Wilson's support for Congressman Christensen's bill, which will get tough on criminals who use guns while committing crimes, instead of making it harder for honest citizens defending themselves and their families. Kevin Allen was already a criminal and therefore could not legally own or carry a firearm, yet he killed an officer with one. Why? Because, by definition, criminals do not abide by laws.

Torrey French
UNO student



HERE WE GO AGAIN.

Gun Control Laws Don't Work

Dear Editor,

I must take issue with a misguided editorial by Marylynne Ziemba which appeared in the March 26 issue of the *Gateway*.

First, apparently Ms. Ziemba believes that banning assault weapons will take them out of the hands of criminal offenders. I would contend that these ruthless killers Ms. Ziemba describes will continue to have unlimited access to semi-automatic weapons regardless of whether or not they are banned. I'm sorry Ms. Ziemba, but your pie-in-the-sky notion of gun control simply does not work. Today our nation has 22,000 gun laws, yet we live one of the world's most violent societies. Washington D.C. and New York have our nation's strictest gun policies-total gun bans, yet they are the two most violent cities in the world. If gun control works, then why can't we see the results, Marylynne?

Secondly, Marylynne, you failed to report the whole story. I realize after serving as student body president last year that this is only too common with *Gateway* reporters. Two weeks ago, Rep. Jon Christensen introduced a bill in Congress that would bring severe punishment to those who would possess, brandish or discharge a handgun during the commission of a federal violent crime or drug trafficking. Congressman Christensen has stated that he believes that real crime control is providing stiffer penalties for those who break our laws, not taking away the 2nd Amendment rights of law-abiding citizens. I applaud Congressman Christensen for his stand against crime with this bill. His legislation will make Nebraska's streets safer by taking criminals off them.

This brings me to my third point. What kind of credibility does criminal defense attorney James Martin Davis have when it comes to the issue of crime? We are talking about a man who has made a fortune defending the kind of criminals that Jon Christensen's bill would put behind bars.

Come on Marylynne, do you really expect us to support a guy who defends criminals for a living, and then talks about our terrible crime problem? That would be an empty-headed vote.

Justin Peterson

UNO Student President Regent, 1994-1995

Government Needs to Avoid Another Waco

"Waco was different," Bob Beauschtempe tells me as we perused the UNO parking lots for an open space. "These people are different. They were caught on videotape, saying which elected officials they thought were bad apples, and that they would carry out orders to execute them".

I couldn't disagree. The "Freemen" clan up in Montana are probably a tad bit more, how shall I say, radical, than the people involved in the Waco, Texas fiasco. When you're caught on videotape explaining just how you and you're fellow clan members are going to overthrow the government, including orders to kill anyone who gets in the way, you at least equal yourself in the level of insanity that David Koresh and his followers held. Equal, if not surpass.

"Look at it this way," Bob continued. "Waco wasn't really about overthrowing anything. They just wanted to follow their wacked-out beliefs. And when the government found out they had a stockpile of arms, they went in. The way it turned out, a couple of ATF guys go down along with a few of the cult members. So, in effect, they (Koresh and his cronies) were not the instigators."

This is true, I said to myself. The government's the one that stormed in and tried to take over the compound. If they'd have left those Waco wackos alone, maybe, just maybe, nothing would have happened and the cult members would have come out peacefully. But I wasn't quite sure what Bob was driving at, so I asked him what he thought should have been done in Waco.

"Basically, leave 'em alone. Maybe keep some surveillance guys planted here and there around the place, but nothing that would have sparked a national debate."

But what of the large stockpile of guns and ammo they had laying around, I asked Bob. Wasn't it illegal for them to have that stuff around? And didn't the government have a responsibility to the surrounding community to make sure it was safe?

"Absolutely," Bob replied. "Absolutely. That's why we should have just kept it cool. And if and when they tried to make a move against the government, we storm in, just like we ended up doing, and take over. The problem with what we ended up doing is that it was blown way out of proportion by

not only the media, but the government itself. We had tanks and battleships and atomic warheads there, along with all those cops and FBI agents and the like. It made everybody crazy, like it was a war or something."

Fair enough, I told him, but I wanted to know exactly how Waco was different than the current ordeal in Montana.

It's like I said, Waco wasn't about any government takeover. Not in the strictest sense, anyway. Sure, maybe those

people were dangerous to everyone involved, but the fact remains that the only real crime they committed up until the time we stormed in and got shot up was the illegal possession of arms."

"Now the 'Freemen,' on the other hand, have gone beyond simply arming themselves in preparation for some final battle. They've actually pointed out, on tape, how they're

going to accomplish their goals. This includes the execution of elected officials, tried and convicted in the Freeman's own court, and of anyone who gets in their way. By saying these things, and somehow being caught on tape, they've placed themselves in the same position that the South found itself in a century ago. They are trying to undermine the democracy that is America, using less-than-democratic means. You simply cannot arbitrarily execute people in this country. It's not right, and it's going to have to be stopped before all the other freaks out there start coming out of the woodwork."

So then, I asked, how would you put an end to the events taking place in Montana.

"Well, I guess the best way to go about it is to give them 24 hours to evacuate the premises. If they come out, unarmed, then we can deal with them just like every other criminal out there. If not, then we tear-gas the joint till they can't stand it anymore, and go in with orders to shoot anyone who gets in our way."

But Bob, I said, stunned by his less than liberal stance on the issue, isn't that almost exactly what we did in Waco? Aren't there children in there? Innocent children who can do nothing except follow their keepers orders?

"Yeah, that's true. I guess I didn't think about that. It's probably best if we just wait and watch until they decide to come out, children and all, ready to mow down anyone who gets in their way."

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How Dare We Use Sports Heroes as Role Models

I did not notice it when I was growing up, but my father was my role model.

This was a good thing, as my father was a hard-working, honest, law-abiding man. He did not get drunk. He did not use drugs. And he did not beat his wife.

But did I pay attention to these things? Not really. I was too busy watching and playing sports when I was a kid. In the summer of 1980, I was more concerned with George Brett's batting average than how hard my father was working so he could take us on vacation that year.

I was usually more concerned with the Boston Celtics resigning Larry Bird than I was with my dad getting tenure at UNO (my dad taught music at UNO for over 20 years.)

I loved sports and my sports heroes when I was growing up, and I was more concerned about their well-being than my father's. If Nolan Ryan's arm hurt and he could not pitch, I was devastated. If my father's arm hurt and he could not play the violin, I was ambivalent.

But now that I am older (and wiser, I hope) I know that Nolan's arm, Larry's contract and George's batting average did not matter so much in the long run.

The reason I know this now is that my father (and mother, too) taught me what is truly important in life.

And that, folks, brings me to Michael Irvin.

Irvin, the all-pro receiver for the world champion Dallas Cowboys seems to be in a bit of trouble these days. It seems his fingerprints were found on a plate in a motel room.

Also on that plate was a bit of cocaine. And also in that motel room were some hookers.

To which I would normally reply, "So what?"

Sports figures have been getting themselves in trouble since Babe Ruth drank, smoked and caroused himself to death more than 50 years ago.

We'd seen it happen a hundred times. Some guy drank too much, snorted a little or got arrested for something, and fathers would tell their sons, "What a waste. I can't believe that he's throwing away his career."

But fathers don't seem to be saying that about Irvin. Instead, they are calling up radio talk shows and saying, "How dare he set such a poor example for my son."

And this, folks, is where I have to say we have a problem. Although I think Irvin has acted rather poorly, doing drugs with hookers

is not my idea of good behavior. I think the parents out there saying "How dare he..." are acting much worse.

There is no doubt in my mind that Irvin is

one of the greatest wide-receivers in the game today, but why do these people think that should make him a role model for their kids? Because he runs good pass routes and

catches the ball well? Because he makes millions of dollars every year? Because he's on television?

Folks, we're talking about an exceptional athlete, but a rather poor example of a human being. And we all should recognize this.

But parents seem to be taking the path of least resistance when raising their kids today, saying, "Look, son, he makes millions of dollars playing a child's game. Go be like him," and I have to wonder why.

Because the qualities that make a great wide-receiver, small forward, or starting pitcher are not in any way related to the qualities that make a good citizen or human being.

When Charles Barkley said he wasn't

responsible for being any kid's role model, he was absolutely correct.

Nowhere in the standard NBA, NFL or MLB contract does it say, "...and the undersigned (player) will be a model citizen, eat all his vegetables and never get caught with hookers, drugs or beating his wife," nor should it.

Professional athletes are paid to perform to the best of their abilities on the playing field of their choice, but are allowed to screw up their lives just like anyone else. And that is as it should be.

That way fathers can tell their sons or daughters, "Sure, he had it all, until he got caught with a straw up his nose and in bed with that hooker."

But if parents think they have to use the model of the professional athlete as the kind of person for their kids to admire, then maybe they should tell their kids what a great community leader Reggie White of the Green Bay Packers is, or what a wonderful family man Ken Griffey, Jr. of the Seattle Mariners is.

Or maybe, and I may be reaching here, they should work hard, lead an honest life and spend a little quality time with their kids being a role model.

Considering how great a guy he is, my dad has a pretty good jump shot.

Brian Todd
Columnist

Electronic Age is Music to Professor's Ears

By Jackie McGill

Steven Rehbein, coordinator of jazz studies and percussion and assistant director of bands at UNO, is taking music in a new direction. He is pioneering the use of the MIDI vibraphone.

A simple vibraphone is a percussion instrument that resembles a xylophone, but sustains pitches and produces intricate harmony like a piano. A vibraphone is played like a piano, too. Rehbein said four mallets are used to play the vibraphone in the same way 10 fingers are used to play the piano.

A MIDI vibraphone, Rehbein said, combines electronics and acoustics to produce synthesized choral sounds. MIDI, an acronym for musical instrumental digital interface, allows computers and technology to be applied to music.

The MIDI vibraphone "triggers many different sounds simultaneously, producing a harmonic structure while unfolding melodic statements," Rehbein said. This is partly accomplished by utilizing reverberation and ambient effects such as digital delay and echo.

Before coming to UNO, Rehbein earned his doctorate at the University of Iowa in Iowa City. While working on his degree, Rehbein taught percussion at Kirkwood Community College and at Coe College, both in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He was the principle timpanist (timpani are kettle-drums) for the Cedar Rapids Symphony Orchestra.

Rehbein followed his future wife to Omaha after she was hired as a genetic counselor at Children's Hospital. Once in Omaha, Rehbein began doing solo jazz performances at various clubs to break into the music scene here, he said.

Between 1986-1989, Rehbein served as a substitute performer with the Omaha Symphony and landed his first job, with the Railman Drum and Bugle Corp.

In 1990, UNO hired Rehbein full time. He supervises UNO's jazz studies program and teaches drum line for the Maverick marching band.

UNO students, Rehbein said, have given superb performances at regional jazz festivals, winning numerous individual solo awards at festivals held in Wichita, Northern Colorado and Kansas City, among others.

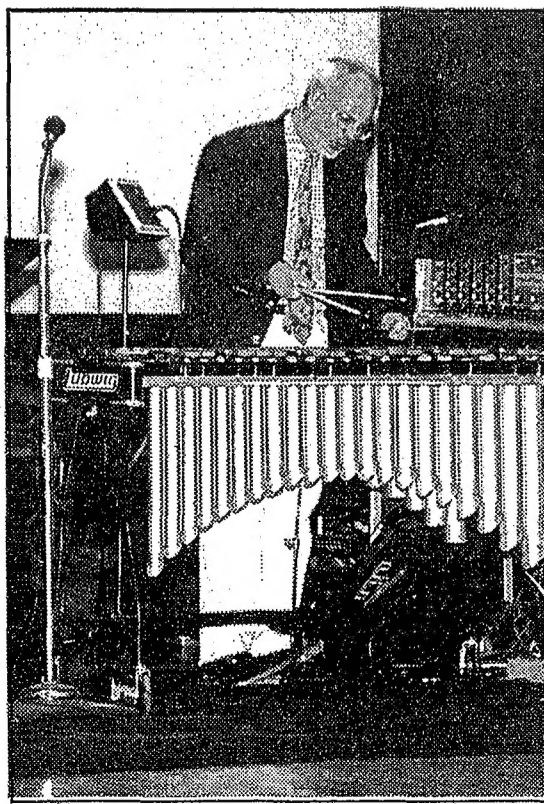
In addition to his work with UNO, Rehbein is an artist and clinician with Ludwig/Musser Industries, which is a division of the Selmer Music Company, the company that makes his instrument.

As the co-founder, co-musical director and performer of the critically acclaimed progressive jazz ensemble Auracle, he toured the United States and Europe and recorded two albums on Chrysalis Records. Rehbein has

toured nationally and internationally under various recording labels, and he has been featured in national magazines. He has played with musicians Dizzy Gillespie, Ed Shaughnessy and Jack Jones.

Rehbein is performing Friday, April 5 at 7:30 p.m. in the Strauss Performing Arts Center Recital Hall. The recital is free to UNO students, faculty and staff, \$5 for general admission and \$4 for senior citizens and students.

The performance includes a duet with UNO percussion graduate student Dan Jacobi and a guest appearance by mezzo soprano Adian Soder. Rehbein said he plans a spectacular finale. He said that although he will be the only one playing the last song, "Court Ruler," it sounds as if a whole band is backing him up.



—Photo courtesy of Steven Rehbein

UNO music professor Steven Rehbein performs on his MIDI vibraphone.

West Virginia U. Fraternity Expelled For Hazing

By College Press Service

MORGANTOWN, W. Va.—The Omega Psi Phi fraternity at West Virginia University has been expelled from campus and 10 of its members arrested after a pledge told police he was hazed.

Freshman Lavar J. Grant allegedly was beaten, whipped and deprived of sleep for two days and may suffer a permanent hearing loss as a result of the Feb. 16 incident.

Police arrested 10 WVU students in mid-March and charged them with hazing, a misdemeanor under a new state law. One of the students is the fraternity's president.

University officials will separately determine a punishment for the students, which could include suspension or expulsion. A WVU committee expelled the fraternity for a four-year period after finding it violated two counts of the school's conduct code—infliction or threat of bodily harm and hazing, said David Taylor, a university spokesman.

Following the four-year period, the committee and the fraternity's national office will explore whether Omega Psi Phi should return to campus, he said.

U. of Illinois Meningitis Outbreak Tracked To Bar

By College Press Service

CHAMPAIGN, Ill.—Students who fell victim to meningitis four years ago all patronized a campus bar where smoking, drinking and dense crowds may have spread the illness, researchers have found.

The nation's largest outbreak of serogroup C meningococcal meningitis killed three University of Illinois students and prompted the immunization of 16,000 students against the disease.

Researchers at the University of Illinois and the National Center for Infectious Diseases in Atlanta found that employees of the bar and students who frequented it were 20 to 40 times more likely to be carriers of the bacteria or victims of the diseases than other people, according to a new report in the American Journal of Epidemiology.

More research is needed to explore how alcohol and cigarette smoke may cause deeper invasion of the body by the disease, the report said.

The disease has flu-like symptoms and can kill previously healthy victims within 24 hours.

White House Proposes Large Pell Grant Increase

By College Press Service

The Clinton administration has proposed what it calls an "unprecedented" increase in the Pell Grant program for 1997 despite lingering disputes between the White House and Congress on education funding for the current fiscal year.

The administration's 1997 education budget plan recommends a maximum Pell Grant of \$2,700, up nearly \$400 from current funding. "We are requesting the largest increase in the maximum grant in more than 20 years," Education Department (ED) Secretary Richard Riley said in presenting the budget March 19. The plan also would provide grants to 155,000 more students than in 1995, he said.

Fast-approaching deadlines have forced Congress and The White House to begin working on next year's budget without an agreement for the current fiscal year.

As the White House unveiled its 1997 fiscal year budget, the Clinton administration and GOP leaders remained mired in a budget deadlock for fiscal year 1996, which began Oct. 1. Both parties are seeking a small to moderate increase in the current Pell maximum of \$2,340 but cannot bridge larger disputes on achieving a balanced federal budget within seven years.

Preventing Education Deficit

Riley has maintained that any plan to balance the budget should not be done at the expense of key education programs. "What we cannot do is close the budget deficit by creating an education deficit," Riley said of the 1997 plan, which provides for a seven-year balanced budget with only moderate cuts in spending.

Aside from the Pell Grant increase, the budget plan includes:

- A 10 percent increase in college work/study funds to \$679 million. This is part of

"This budget is the product of difficult choices we have made."

—U.S. Education Department Secretary Richard Riley.

the administration's plan to increase participation in the work/study program from 700,000 students to 1 million students within five years.

- \$130 million in Presidential Honor Scholarships, a new program that would offer a one-time \$1,000 grant to students who finish in the top 5 percent of their high school classes.

- A tax break allowing families to deduct up to \$5,000 in college tuition expenses. This amount would increase to \$10,000 by 1999.

"Unprecedented Increase"

"The overall higher education budget contains increases that are very substantial," said Education Department Deputy Secretary Madeleine Kunin. She praised the "unprecedented increase" sought for Pell Grants even as the administration tries to streamline other federal education programs.

Among the losers in the 1997 plan are many small graduate fellowships for students. The budget would terminate funding for Patricia Roberts Harris Fellowships and Javits Fellowships, two programs to help support underrepresented and high-achieving graduate students. The White House also would eliminate funds for national

science scholarships as well as Douglas teaching scholarships that provide aid to those pursuing careers in education.

Overall, these fellowship programs received about \$22 million in fiscal year 1995. Education Department officials said these programs duplicate other small federal grant and scholarship activities.

The administration also would eliminate endowment challenge grants for most higher education institutions and reduce funding for a grant program designed to strengthen colleges and universities. The budget would freeze aid to historically black institutions.

"This budget is the product of difficult choices we have made," Riley told reporters in discussing the plan. Overall, the Clinton 1997 budget would eliminate about 40 education programs, but Riley said the reductions will allow the Education Department to target funding "to priorities that have the greatest impact on teaching and learning in the classroom."

One program that would gain under the 1997 budget is TRIO, which helps recruit low-income and disadvantaged students for college. The president's budget would increase spending on the program by \$37 million, to \$500 million, next year.

The budget plan also would freeze funds

for Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants at the current \$583-million funding level and would eliminate State Student Incentive Grants, a \$63-million program to supplement state education aid. The Clinton administration in past years has sought to cut this program, saying it has served its purpose of getting states to provide their own student aid funds.

Continue Direct Loan Program

Elsewhere, the 1997 budget plan would continue the Direct Student Loan program, a favorite of the White House. The administration maintains that sending loan capital directly to schools—and bypassing banks—will save the government more than \$4 billion by the start of the next century.

Congress for the past year has tried to terminate or control the growth of direct loans, calling it an inefficient program. Lawmakers recently dropped plans to reduce the number of colleges and universities participating in the program for next fall.

The 1997 budget now goes to Congress, where Republicans quickly termed the entire plan "dead on arrival" for failing to break new ground in the balanced budget debate. However, Republican education leaders on Capitol Hill had no immediate comment on the Education Department budget. Attempts to contact Rep. William Goodling (R-Pa.), who chairs the House of Representatives' education committee, were not successful.

The House and Senate are beginning work on the 1997 budget with an assortment of hearings this spring. Lawmakers are expected to start crafting 1997 spending bills once they complete work on budget legislation for the current fiscal year.

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Sports



Mavs Dramatic Turnaround Salvages Doubleheader

By Tony Reinke

After being run over by Northwest Missouri State 25-5, Mav pitcher Bill Childers came back to shut out the Bearcats Tuesday afternoon.

The Mavs move to 10-13 heading into conference play.

"I thought we really came back well," said UNO Head Coach Bob Gates. "We had three double plays and some timely hitting to get those three runs."

In the first game of the day, starter Greg Geary allowed seven runs and was replaced before he could force an out. The first seven Bearcats scored, eventually running an 11-0 lead in the first inning. Five NWMS home runs sealed the victory, which never came within 10 runs of the Mavs. The Bearcats clawed a total of 31 hits in the game and finished with an overall batting average of .608.

"The nice thing about baseball is that you can play shitty and come back and win and everything is all right," Gates said. "You might play good then play shitty the next game. Baseball is one of those games."

The Mavs won the nightcap 3-0 and ended a three game drought to the Bearcats.

With two outs in the third inning, junior Nick Babe hit a single. Catcher Brad Prokupek

drove him in with a single later in the inning. Second baseman Tom Sweeny scored the second run of the inning when he stole home.

Todd Christensen scored on a balk-steal in the fifth inning for UNO's final run of the game.

The Bearcats threatened the Mavs in the seventh and final inning. Outfielder Paul Peterson, who hit NWMS's tying run, hit a long ball to left field. Freshman Pete Englund tracked the ball on the warning track for the game's final out.

"With Englund, Geary and Kusleika — that is the best defensive outfield I have ever coached," Gates said.

Starter Ben Childers picked up the win for UNO on the mound.

"He's pitched good the other two times in the season, but he's run out of gas," Gates said. "He stuck it out today. I told him that he was going to pitch the whole game and I wanted to see if he could."

The transfer player from Longview Community College went the full seven innings and gave up seven hits and picked up the shutout. He moved to 1-2 on the season and brought relief to a struggling pitching staff.

"I've got the conference schedule coming up and I need to see which pitchers are tough

enough," Gates said. "Bill showed he is."

The Mavs head into conference play tonight against Augustana at College World Series Park.

"We're young and we know we're going

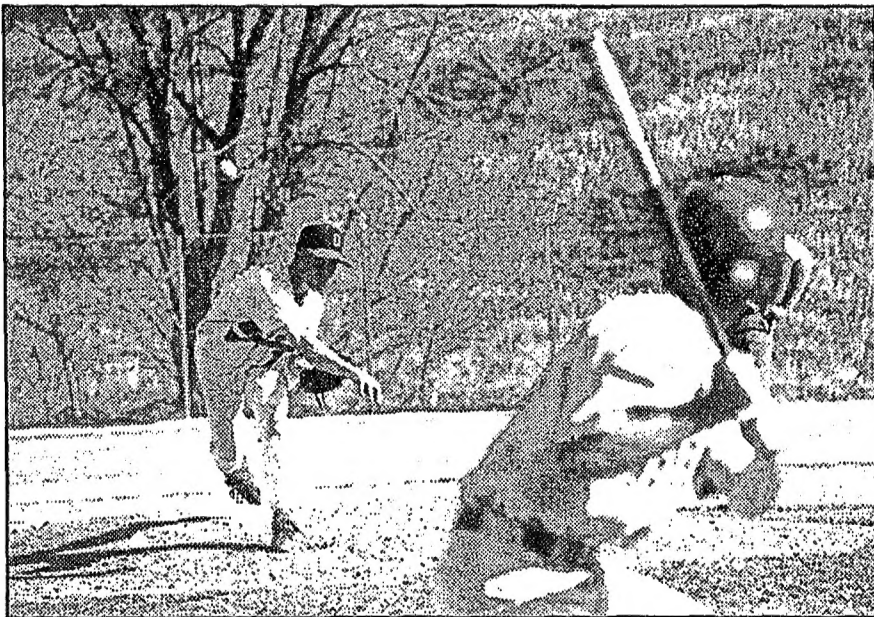
to improve with each practice," Gates said.

"We had 25 errors in five games, now we're playing good defense. When we get the hitting, pitching and defense together, we'll be all right."



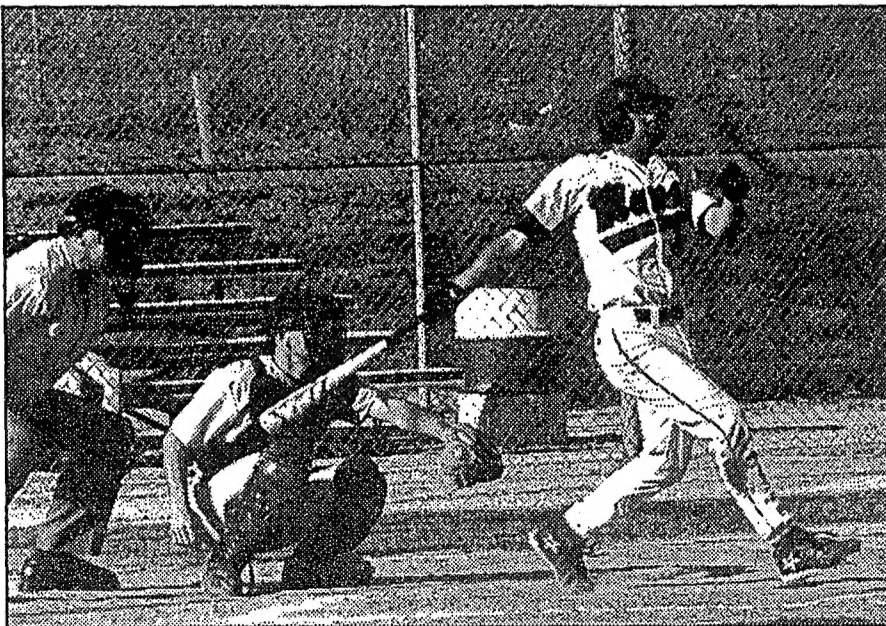
— Tony Reinke

Despite going airborne, Mav catcher Brad Prokupek couldn't field this pop fly.



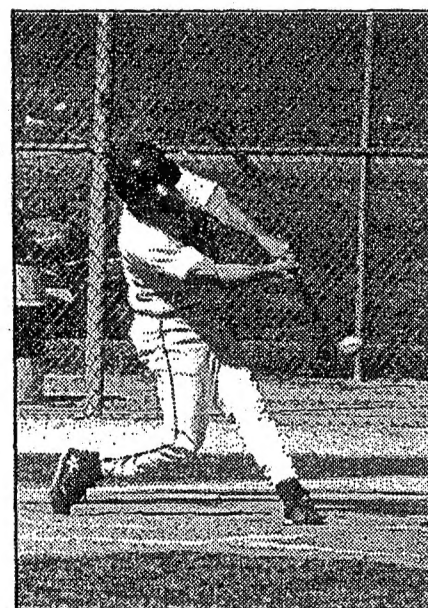
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Even Mav pitcher Jon Crosby, left, couldn't stop the barrage of hits by the Northwest Missouri State Bearcats.

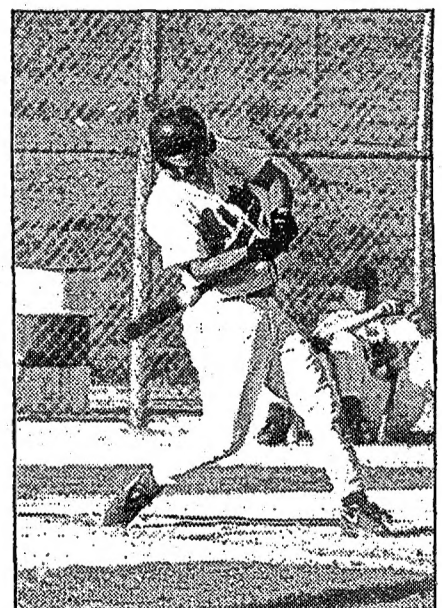


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Mav outfielder Greg Geary hit this Bearcat pitch down the right field line.



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The Mavs lit it up in the second game against Northwest Missouri State, winning 3-0.

Sidelines

Maverick Beef Club Elects New President

When Assistant Athletic Director Bob Danenhauer was elected for his post at UNO, he was forced to forfeit his title of Beef Club President. Tom Boyer, who served as president before Danenhauer, will step in again.

The Beef Club supports UNO athletics and financially supports the football team.

UNO Donates 82 Pints of Blood

The UNO football team recruited 95 donors in the Red Cross/UNO blood drive in March. The 82 units of blood collected will help 246 patients.

Mav Softball Team Sweeps South Dakota in Conference Play

By Tony Reinke

It's fairly clear that UNO Lady Mav Head Coach Mary Yori isn't content with 300 career victories. Her team swept South Dakota 4-0 and 2-0 Tuesday afternoon at Claussen-Westgate field. In the process, Yori picked up the 306th win of her career and the Lady Mavs improved to 25-4. UNO is fourth in the latest NCAA Division II poll.

Denise Peterson started the first game against South Dakota on Tuesday. The senior allowed one hit and pitched all seven innings for her seventh shutout of the season. Peterson upped her record to 13-2 on the season.

Junior Toni Novak went 6-7 in the USD doubleheader. She tied the school record for hits in a career (214). In the first game, she

was 4-4 and scored a run while junior first baseman Holly Voss was 2-2 and drove in a run.

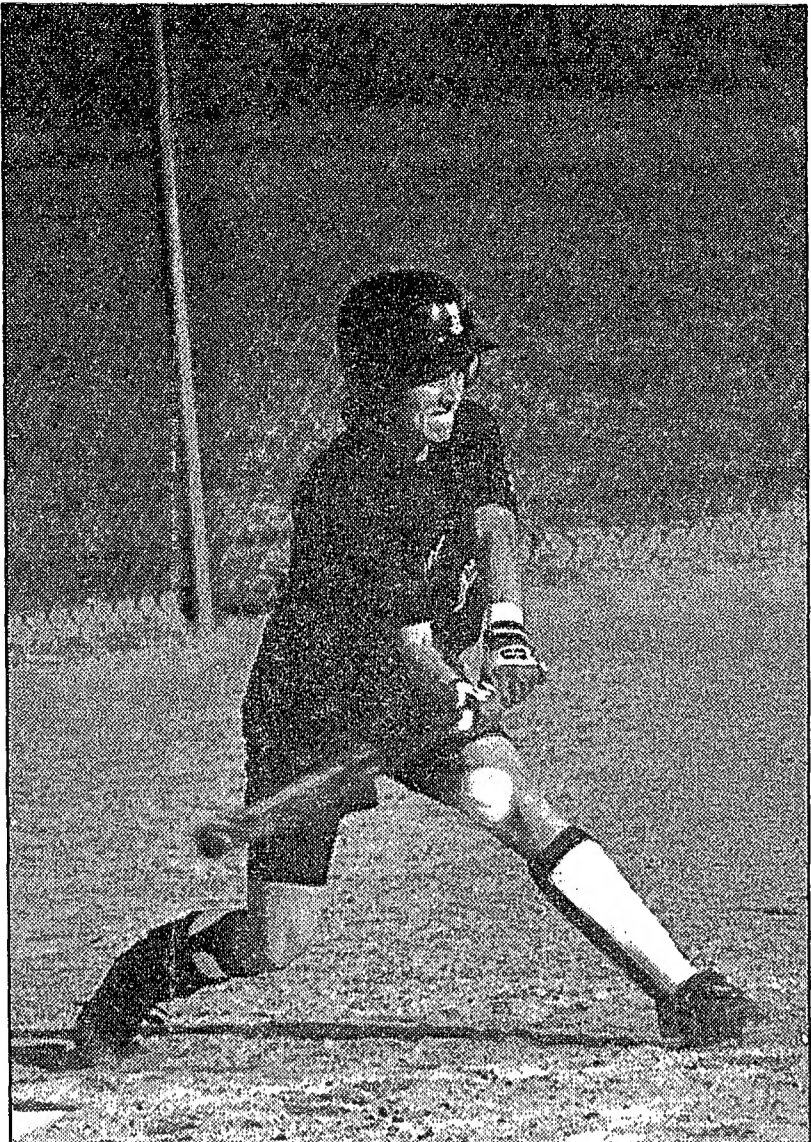
In the second game, freshman Jenelle Negrete pitched 6 1/3 innings and allowed two hits. With the bases loaded and one out, Peterson stepped to the mound with a 2-0 lead in jeopardy. Similar to a scene in the movie "Major League," Peterson recorded the final two outs and picked up the save.

Novak went 2-3 and scored once while Voss was 1-2 with an RBI.

The Lady Mavs were scheduled to play at Wayne State on Wednesday, but the double header was postponed.



Lady mav outfielder Jenni Upenieks didn't let this pitch go by.



Lady Mav Lori Foster takes a hit on this South Dakota pitch.

—Steve Houlton

—photos by Steve Houlton

Spring Fling '96

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Spring Fling Dance:
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Monday, April 15
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Tuesday, April 16
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11:30am

Wednesday, April 17
Comedian Troy Thirdgill
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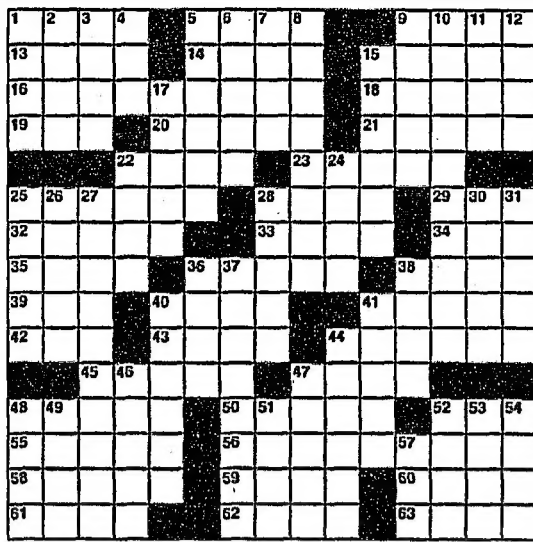
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 21 Large rodents
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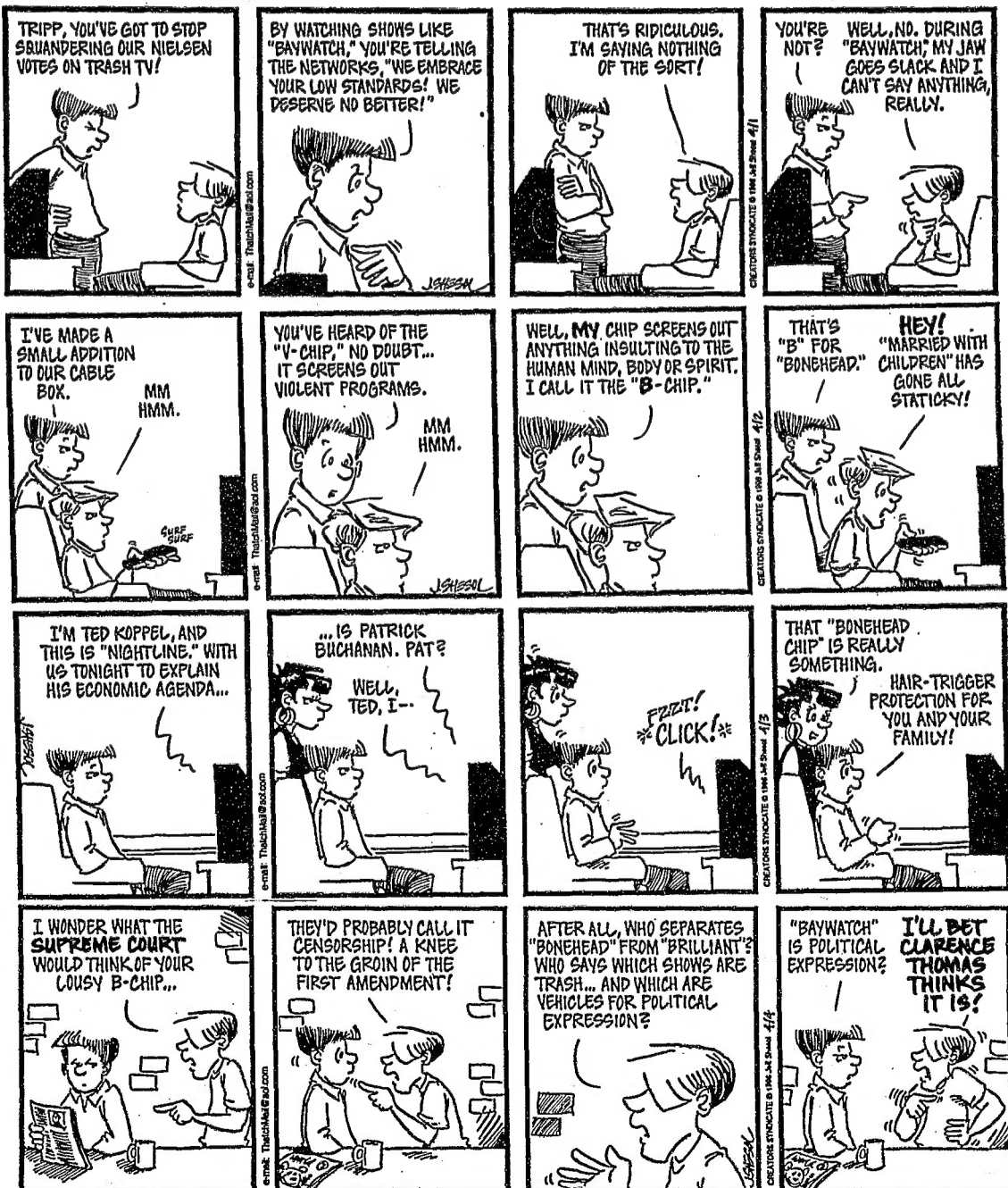
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Court Rules UT's Affirmative-Action Policies 'Unconstitutional'

By College Press Service

AUSTIN—Stunned University of Texas officials suspended all admissions decisions after a federal appeals court barred its law school from considering race in admitting students.

A three-judge panel for the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit unanimously ruled March 19 that the use of race in admissions "treats minorities as a group" and "is no more rational on its own terms than would be choices based upon the physical size or blood type of applicants."

The ruling rejects the Supreme Court's 1978 "reverse discrimination" decision in Bakke v. Regents of the University of California, which said that race could be a factor in admissions decisions in the interest of promoting diversity on campus.

If the decision stands, attorneys said it could threaten affirmative-action programs designed to increase opportunities for blacks, Hispanics and other minorities at universities throughout the nation.

UT administrators said they would suspend all student admissions decisions on the 15-campus system for a week while studying a possible appeal of the case to the U.S. Supreme Court. During that period, university officials also said they would figure out how to change admissions policies to comply with the ruling for as long as the decision stands.

Those already accepted for the fall of 1996 would not have their offers revoked, the university said.

Robert Berdahl, president of UT's Austin campus, said he was disappointed with the decision and predicted it would have "serious implications for Texas, including the virtual resegregation of higher education."

After the decision was announced, students on the Austin campus quickly formed the Student Coalition for the Defense of Affirmative Action, holding their first rally March 22 in a campus courtyard. Shouting "we won't go back," several hundred stu-

dents pledged to fight efforts to eliminate affirmative action at the university.

On March 25, nearly 1,000 students marched about four blocks to the state Attorney General's office, urging the state to appeal the court decision.

"If we cannot use race in our admissions policy, we must think of a new approach to preserve diversity," said Tito Garcia, a UT senior and the coalition's project coordinator.

The appeals-court decision stems from a 1992 lawsuit, Hopwood v. Texas, in which four white applicants said they were denied admission to the UT law school even though minority applicants with lower grade-point averages and standardized test scores were admitted. The university argued that the four applicants were mediocre students who were blaming affirmative-action policies instead of their shortcomings.

In 1994, a lower court ruled that UT had the right to consider race as a factor in admissions decisions. The judge also said, however, that schools could not accept different minimum test scores or grade-point averages from minority students.

In overturning the lower-court's decision March 19, Circuit Judge Jerry Smith wrote for the three-member panel: "The law school has presented no compelling justification . . . that allows it to continue to elevate some race over others, even for the wholesome purpose of correcting perceived racial imbalance in the student body."

UT attorneys had told the court that without affirmative action, the law school would have admitted only nine blacks and 18 Hispanics out of a class of 500 in 1992. Instead, the entering class included 41 blacks and 55 Hispanics.

The appeal of the lower-court's ruling was sponsored by the Center for Individual Rights, a Washington-based group that opposes affirmative-action programs. Michael Greve, executive director of the center, told reporters

that the law school cannot use race preferences in admissions because it should not "on its own accord try to make up for discrimination that it itself never perpetrated."

For now, the effects of the decision are limited to public institutions in the states represented by the Fifth Circuit: Texas, Louisiana and Mississippi. As the University of Texas began its freeze on admissions decisions, other universities in the three-state area were still trying to figure out the meaning of the ruling and its effect on their policies.

Texas A&M University announced it would also suspend decisions on admissions and scholarships while school administrators

assessed the impact of the court's decision.

Louisiana State University, on the other hand, is under a court-sanctioned desegregation order that requires it to try to increase minority enrollment in its higher-education programs.

Winston Day, chancellor of Louisiana State University's Law Center, told The New York Times that the recent appeals court ruling puts the university in a difficult predicament. "It will be interesting to see whether our conduct will be deemed unconstitutional," he said.

Day said LSU would continue to act under its existing affirmative-action policies until a court order directs the university to do differently.

Dole Supports Affirmative-Action Ban

By College Press Service

LOS ANGELES—Charging that affirmative action is an affront to the American principle of fair play, Sen. Bob Dole pledged his support for a California initiative that would ban the use of race and gender preferences in all state hiring and college admissions.

The presidential candidate, campaigning in California for the upcoming Republican primary, laid out his stance to cheering crowds in "Little Saigon," a Vietnamese neighborhood in South Los Angeles.

"It ought to be based on merit. This is America. That's what America's all about," Dole said. "We're one America. We're not black, we're not white, we're not Asian . . . we're one America."

The controversial California Civil Rights Initiative will be on the state's November ballot. It is another issue in which Dole and President Clinton, who opposes the initiative, diverge.

Affirmative-action policies, which seek to boost employment and educational opportunities for women and minorities, have been in place for years on the University of California's nine-campus system.

Last July, Gov. Pete Wilson and the Board of Regents voted to drop UC's affirmative-action policies. Since then, hundreds of angry students have led protests, many ending with arrests.

The bitter battle took an unexpected twist in February when supporters of the initiative gathered enough signatures to place the measure on the November ballot, allowing voters to decide the issue.

Dole's position breaks his long record of supporting some affirmative-action programs. Under President Ronald Reagan, Dole had been one of 23 Republican senators to urge support of federal set-aside programs designed to help minority contractors.

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